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94TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1311

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 1975

Ms. HOLTZMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

Relating to intervening in and influencing the political affairs of foreign countries or political subdivisions thereof.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That for purposes of this Act—

4 (1) “election” includes general elections, special
5 elections, primary elections, political conventions, elec-
6 tions by public bodies (including elections by cabinets,
7 parliaments, and congresses) ;

8 (2) “contribution” includes a gift, subscription,
9 loan, advance, or deposit of money, or anything of value,
10 and includes a contract, promise, or agreement to make
11 a contribution whether or not legally enforceable;

1 (3) "expenditure" includes a payment, distribu-
2 tion, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money, or any-
3 thing of value, and includes a contract, promise, or
4 agreement to make an expenditure whether or not
5 legally enforceable;

6 (4) "public office" shall mean any office, the salary
7 for which is paid from public funds from any foreign
8 government or political subdivision thereof;

9 (5) "political party" includes any committee, as-
10 sociation, or organization which accepts contributions or
11 makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing or
12 attempting to influence the election of candidates to
13 public office; and

14 (6) "agency of the United States" means any de-
15 partment, agency, wholly owned Government corpora-
16 tion, establishment, or instrumentality of the United
17 States.

18 SEC. 2. It is unlawful for any citizen or resident of the
19 United States to offer to make, or make, a contribution to any
20 agency of the United States or officer, agency, or agent of
21 the United States for the purpose of influencing the outcome
22 of an election for public office in a foreign country.

23 SEC. 3. It is unlawful for any officer, employee, or
24 agent of the United States (1) to solicit any citizen or

25 resident of the United States to contribute to, or make

1 an expenditure in support of, any candidate or political
2 party, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of influencing
3 the outcome of an election for public office in a foreign coun-
4 try, or (2) to accept a contribution from any citizen or
5 resident of the United States for such purpose.

6 SEC. 4. Whoever violates any provision of this Act shall
7 be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more
8 than five years, or both.

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